

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1046

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide reimbursement under the Medicare Program for all physicians' services furnished by doctors of chiropractic within the scope of their license.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 1999

Mr. WATKINS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Chiropractic Patients’  
5       Freedom of Choice Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ALL**  
2 **PHYSICIANS' SERVICES FURNISHED BY DOC-**  
3 **TORS OF CHIROPRACTIC WITHIN THE SCOPE**  
4 **OF THEIR LICENSE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (5) of section 1861(r) of  
6 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(r)) is amended  
7 to read as follows: “(5) a doctor of chiropractic who is  
8 licensed as such by the State and who meets uniform mini-  
9 mum standards promulgated by the Secretary, with re-  
10 spects to treatment by means of manual manipulation of  
11 the spine to correct a subluxation, and related diagnostic  
12 and therapeutic services as identified in subsection (s), but  
13 only with the respect to functions which he or she is legally  
14 authorized to perform by the State in which he or she per-  
15 forms such functions.”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
17 subsection (a) shall apply to services furnished on or after  
18 January 1, 2000.

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